



Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board (ASHRAB) Membership

Dean Dawson, Coordinator
Richard Valenti, Fairbanks
Zachary Jones, Juneau
Toby Allen, Anchorage

Judith Bittner/Jo Antonson, Anchorage
Dennis Moser, Fairbanks
Bruce Parham, Anchorage
Susan Means, Anchorage

Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	August 18, 2015
Meeting Location:	Telecon
Minutes Recorded by:	Zachary Jones
Roll Call:	<p>Present at the Meeting:</p> <p>Dean Dawson, Coordinator, Alaska State Archives Judy Bittner, Office of History & Archaeology Toby Allen, Municipality of Anchorage Bruce Parham, Anchorage Susan Means, Anchorage Dennis Moser, UAF Zachary Jones, Alaska State Archives</p> <p>Others Present:</p> <p>Jo Antonson, Office of History & Archaeology</p> <p>Members Absent:</p> <p>Richard Valenti, Fairbanks</p>

I. Greeting & Roll Call.

The meeting began at 1:30 p.m. Roll call was conducted.

II. Acceptance of October 1, 2014 Minutes.

Dennis Moser moved to approve the minutes. Jo Antonson seconded. Motion passed with one comment, that correct spelling of Penelope Goforth's name be adjusted (from Penepole to Penelope) in the past minutes.

III. Current Business.

A. Update on State Pursuit of State Records in Private Hands

Dean Dawson provided board members with notice and an update about a select Anchorage Townsite Sale of Lots ledger dated 1916 developed by the Alaska Engineering Commission that is currently in private hands. The ledger is part of the Alaska Railroad Corporation collection, which is State property. The State's Dept. of Law / Attorney General's Office has contacted the current possessor of the ledger with the request that it be sent to the State Archives.

B. Notice about ASHRAB business at September Meeting

Dean Dawson mentioned that at the September in-person meeting the board will discuss the Archival Excellence Award. A press release will soon be issued by the State about the Award.

C. October Archives Month Poster

Dean Dawson raised the subject of producing the October 2015 Archives Month Poster and he asked the board for their ideas on themes and design proposal. Jo Antonson offered the idea of showcasing ASHRAB's past Consulting Archivist Program, and using images from the consultation conducted. Bruce Parham offered the idea of reviewing past posters for helpful ideas and asked what past ASHRAB posters featured. Dean Dawson replied that we had used the theme "Alaska's History: We're Saving It for You," which featured pictures of Alaskans researching at an Alaskan archive. Another past poster contained a picture of a sea otter with the wording "You Otter Visit an Archive near You," which overviewed the importance and value of material in archives. Dean Dawson then offered the idea of having our poster address the idea of genealogy and genealogists, who have been documented as being the largest users of archives nationally. Dean Dawson overviewed the Family Search Project at the Alaska State Archives, which finishes this fall, which has digitized extensive genealogical records. The poster could articulate aspects about genealogy and use imagery from items scanned by Family Search.

The board discussed these proposals. Board members felt very good about Dean Dawson's proposal about genealogy and the Family Search Project. However, the concern that the Family Search Project is not yet complete and additional time will pass before records are online, influenced the board's decision that this poster proposal should be postponed. It was felt that this poster would function well for the 2016 Archives Month poster. The Board then returned to discussing the proposal by Jo Antonson about the Consulting Archivist Program. The theme of "Archives/Archivists: Working for You," was proposed by Susan Means. The Board felt this general theme was a good and viable option. Dean Dawson asked that Consulting Archivist board members submit photographs, if they hadn't already, for use in the poster. A call for including participating institution logos on the poster was also voiced. Dawson assigned Zach Jones to work on the poster.

D. Closing Items of Business

Questions about travel arrangements at the Cordova meeting were voiced. Dean Dawson responded.

Jo Antonson voiced the idea that the Board issue a thank you letter to departing board member LaRue Barnes for her service on the Board.

IV. Next Meeting Date, Time & Location.

Motion to close the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting concluded by consensus at 2:30 pm. The next meeting will be held September 30, 2015 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM in Cordova at the Cordova Center Museum temporary exhibits gallery.